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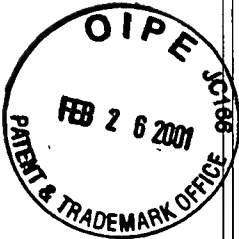
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gregory S. Hageman

Application No.: 09/183,972

Filed: October 29, 1998

For: THERAPEUTICS AND  
DIAGNOSTICS FOR OCULAR  
ABNORMALITIES

Examiner: Sharon L. Turner, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1647

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for extension of time is being submitted as a separate document.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 18, please delete the text of line 4 (starting with "Figure 5"), and insert therewith

--Figure 5 is an alignment of amino acid sequences of rat IPMC protein (SEQ ID NO:7), human IPM 200 (SEQ ID NO:46), monkey IPM 200 (SEQ ID NO:47), pig IPM 200 (SEQ ID NO:9), human IPM 150 (SEQ ID NO:48), monkey IPM 150 (SEQ ID NO:49), and pig IPM 150 (SEQ ID NO:8).--